

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT DIVISION

**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT**

Applicant: Abel Mercado ) November 7, 2005  
Appl. No.: 10/712,564 ) Attorney Docket No. RAR468.01  
Filing Date: 11/12/2003 ) Group Art Unit 3751  
Title: Drain Plunger Handle ) Examiner: Nguyen, Tuan N.

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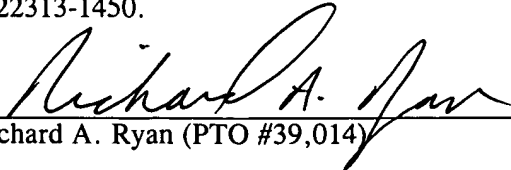
In response to the communication from the Examiner dated July 5, 2005, the applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.115, and reconsideration of the amended application be considered in light of the following:

1. The Examiner's Office Action dated July 5, 2005, provided for a three (3) month shortened statutory period, which expired October 5, 2005. This response/amendment is being filed on November 7, 2005, which is believed to be within the one month extension period in which to file a response/amendment (the 5<sup>th</sup> falling on a Saturday and the 7<sup>th</sup> being the Monday thereafter). As a result, a one month extension fee of \$60.00 is included herewith for the one month extension of time for a small entity. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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1           2. The following materials are enclosed herewith to comply with the Revised  
2 Amendment Practice set forth in 37 CFR § 1.121:

3           a. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page  
4 3 of this Response/Amendment.

5           b. Remarks/arguments begin on page 9 of this Response/Amendment.

6           3. Enclosed herewith is a Change of Correspondence Address form for the attorney  
7 of record, signed by the attorney.

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10       Summary of Claims:

11           Kindly amend claims 1, 10, 15 and 20.

12           Kindly delete claims 2-9 and 16-17.